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Mr. Miles Scull, Jr.
Subcommittee on Reorganization
Senate Committee on Government Operations
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Scull:

The Central Intelligence Agency has not been specifically requested to comment on a bill To amend section 602 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 with respect to the procurement and supply of transportation and storage services, which is now being considered by the Subcommittee on Reorganization of the Senate Committee on Government Operations. We are very much interested, however, in the subject matter covered by this bill.

In this connection, we would like to inform the Committee that this Agency is responsible for the transportation and storage of a large volume of materials which bear a security classification. In addition, it is at times administratively infeasible to separate classified and unclassified items, both of which may be stored in secure warehouse facilities.

We expect to use transportation and storage facilities arranged by the General Services Administration in cases where security factors are not involved. When such factors are involved, however, we feel that this Agency should continue to have the legislative authority for exemption from the provisions of this type of bill where national security interests so dictate. Although we do not feel that this need is met through a provision which places us in a position of assigning security classifications based on regulations issued by another government agency, as provided on lines 7 through 10 on page 2 of the Committee Print, the authorities in lines 13 through 16 of the same page would appear to provide adequate protection.

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